

Standish Monument

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looks out to the East over the bay and holds the Plymouth charter in his hand. Miles Standish looks east because he is looking back to his home land. The monument was not completed, however, until 1899 because of a lack of funds, which were eventually raised by the Standish Monument Assn. It was stopped at 70 feet until the necessary funds were achieved. In 1920 the Association gave the monument to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management now administers it.

The monument has had some ill-fated years in the past; in 1924 the head and arm of Myles Standish were struck by a bolt of lightning and had to be replaced. The Commonwealth hired John Horrigan to fix the granite statue; he finished the repairs in 1927. Thanks to years of neglect between 1927 and 1980 the staircase became unsafe and had to be fixed. The staircase repairs were finished in 1987 for Duxbury's 350th anniversary.

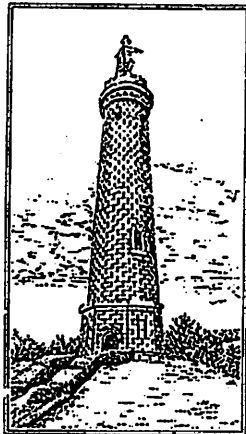
Today the monument is a safe and fun place for people of all ages – easily accessible and hazard free. There is a road leading up to the top with plenty of parking for your car. To get to the monument, take Standish St. from Halls Corner to Crescent St. and follow it until you reach the monument entrance. The monument is open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 9 am-5 pm. The Myles Standish Monument, if you have the time, would be a great place to spend a few hours during a calm summer day.

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The Myles Standish Monument

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The Myles Standish Monument on Standish Shore is an enjoyable and refreshing place at which to spend a few hours during the summer. It is a 116-foot statue located on top of a hill that overlooks Duxbury Bay. From there one can get a spectacular view of the immediate surroundings, and from the top of the monument even more of the town and bay area. The monument was situated on the hill because the Standishes used to



own most of Standish Shore. If you go when the monument is open to the public you can climb the staircase to the top. While the climb can be tiring, it is most definitely worth the view. The monument is surrounded by a small grassy area with a pergola, and is absolutely perfect for picnics. The area is very calm and serene, surrounded by pine trees and a variety of beautiful plant life, along with a little animal life to complete the experience.

The monument was opened to the public by the Standish Monument Assn in 1872. Thousands of people attended the opening of this historical landmark. The stone monument was designed by architect Alden Frink, and the statue of Myles Standish, which rises 14 feet, was sculpted by J. O. Kelly. The statue of Myles Standish

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